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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and PUBLIC REVIEW OF DRAFT HABITAT LOSS PERMIT February 20, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and to adopt the following Habitat Loss Permit in accordance with Division 6 of Title 8 of the San Diego County Code and the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Process Guidelines for the following project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Habitat Loss Permit can be reviewed at the Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services Unit Information Desk at 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, California, 92123, www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dpw/, and the Cardiff Library 2081 Newcastle Ave Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA 92007. Comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Habitat Loss Permit must be sent to the DPW Environmental Services Unit address and should reference the project name. If you wish to challenge the County's action on the following Mitigated Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you, or someone else, have raised in written correspondence.

San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center Project (COFD-00237): The San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center Project is located in northern San Diego County in the City of Encinitas at the San Elijo Lagoon. The existing San Elijo Lagoon visitor center is located approximately 580 meters (1,902 feet) west of I-5 at 2710 Manchester Avenue, on the northern shore of the lagoon. The project site is located on the USGS Encinitas Quadrangle, Section 27 Township 13 South, Range 4 West. The San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center Project involves the replacement of the existing visitor center with a new more efficient and modern building. The project proposes to demolish and remove the existing one-story visitor center, trailer, and storage shed (total developed area is currently 4,904 square feet), and replace it with a new, two-story nature center (approximately 4,300 square feet). The new building will be constructed on a footprint similar to that of the existing visitor center (approximately 4,900 square foot developed footprint). The floor plan for the new nature center includes a large display/exhibit area, a ranger office, restrooms, a multi-purpose room for meetings and class activities, a wet lab and storage. Outdoor improvements include a large covered assembly area, an observation deck, parking lot upgrades, and park entry improvements. A trail is proposed behind the nature center to provide access to an elevator to the second story. The trail will be approximately 30 feet long and 6 feet wide, and will be designed to be handicap accessible.

Comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Habitat Loss Permit must be received no later than April 5, 2007 at 4:00 pm (a 45 day public review period). For additional information or to submit comments in writing, please contact Gail Jurgella at (858) 874-4049, Fax (858) 874-4043, mail: 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, California 92123 or by email at gail.jurgella@sdcounty.ca.gov.